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INTRODUCTION

THE Fabian Society has succeeded in having more Annual Reports than anniversaries. This 70th Report, therefore, does not mark another major milestone in our progress: its significance lies rather in the evidence it holds that the Society's activities have been fully maintained, even on contracting resources, at a time when its contribution to the Labour Movement is particularly needed.

New Fabian Essays, published in May, 1952, sold out the first edition of 6,000 copies during the year: and, as last year's Report foretold, we have been chiefly concerned with the process of 'following-up.' This has meant a great deal of work on the second volume, which has yet to be completed, and the publication of pamphlets and articles on the problems of economic survival and socialist advance. An example of this was the March *Fabian Journal*, and particularly G. D. H. Cole's newsletter, 'The Road to Solvency,' the subject of widespread comment in the Press. It would not be unfair to claim that much of what is most realistic in the Labour Party's *Challenge to Britain* is the result of the climate of opinion created by the Society's publications.

The theme of *New Fabian Essays* also served as a basis for summer and week-end schools, and for discussions in local Fabian Societies.

On the bleaker side is the uncertainty due to a further decline in membership. Strict economy in the use of resources has enabled us to preserve the essential fabric of our work on a smaller budget. But there is a point where this becomes a possibility no longer, and this point has been reached. However much assistance we may receive in donations, from individuals and from Trade Unions, the only sound guarantee of our survival lies in subscriptions. And it is there that members themselves hold the key: no campaign organised from Dartmouth Street can hope to compete in success with a steady effort on the part of members to recruit their friends. Responsible participation in this respect is the greatest single contribution a member can make, and yet, in some ways, the easiest. We need to retain all our present members and to recruit many new ones, and especially younger people with ideas and enthusiasm who can help to ensure that the age of the Society is not reflected in the age of its members.

MEMBERSHIP

LAST year we reported that, despite a small rise in the total of individual members due to the *New Statesman* appeal, the trend in membership continued downwards. This trend, discernible since 1946, was maintained during the year covered by this report. A more welcome feature was the rise, for the second year running, in the number of subscribing bodies from within the Labour Movement.

		<i>Membership figures at</i>		
		<i>June 30,</i>	<i>June 30,</i>	
		1952.	1953.	<i>Change.</i>
NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS				
Full members and students	2878	2654	- 224
Associates	151	138	- 13
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		3029	2792	- 237
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LOCAL FABIAN SOCIETIES				
Local Societies (Total)	116	115	- 1
Paid-up membership of Local Societies		3808	3646	- 162
SUBSCRIBING BODIES				
D.L.P.'s, Co-ops., T.U.'s	114	121	+ 7
Libraries and miscellaneous bodies	..	93	85	- 8
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		207	206	- 1
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BUREAUX MEMBERS				
*Colonial Bureau	280	284	+ 4
*International Bureau	88	68	- 20
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		368	352	- 16
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* Not including 60s. members.

GENERAL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members Elected: John Diamond (Hon. Treasurer, unopposed) and (in order of ballot) Margaret Cole, Ritchie Calder, Harold Wilson, M.P., R. H. S. Crossman, M.P., Austen Albu, M.P., A. Creech Jones, John Parker, M.P., Kenneth Younger, M.P., C. A. R. Crosland, M.P., H. D. Hughes, Ian Mikardo, M.P., Eirene White, M.P., T. Balogh, A. Skeffington, M.P., D. Houghton, M.P., Mary Stewart, R. Jenkins, M.P.

Members Co-opted: Lord Faringdon, Hugh Gaitskell, M.P., T. E. M. McKitterick.

OFFICERS

John Parker, M.P., was elected Chairman and Margaret Cole Honorary Secretary for a further year. Austen Albu, M.P. was elected Vice-Chairman. John Diamond had already been elected Honorary Treasurer in the Annual Ballot.

At the end of 1952 Leonard Woolf relinquished the Chairmanship of the International Bureau after ten years' service in that capacity. The Executive Committee would like to record its great appreciation of his work for the Bureau. He is fortunately continuing on its Committee.

COMMITTEES

Members of Committees appointed by the Executive are listed in Appendix "A."

STAFF

ALAN BLYTH succeeded ELEANOR DE LEEUWE as Bookshop Manager in January, 1953. PHILIP FANNER and JEAN LOCKE left the Bookshop staff and MARTIN MAUTHNER joined it.

DOROTHY DAVIES left the staff after serving with the Society for almost ten years, latterly in the Colonial Bureau.

BRENDA SAMPSON replaced MARGARET WALKER in the International Bureau.

GLADYS CREMER was appointed assistant in the Home Research department.

During the year there was some improvement in wages and salaries, chiefly to bring the staff of the Colonial Bureau into line with the rest of the Society. The Joint Consultative Committee, representing the Executive Committee and the staff, continued to discuss matters of common concern.

DELEGATES, etc.

Labour Party Conference, September, 1952—John Parker, M.P.

London Labour Party Conference—Margaret Cole, Peter Meyer, Philip Thurman.

London Labour Party Executive Committee—Arthur Skeffington, M.P.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Caxton Hall, S.W.1, on Saturday, 29th November, 1952. The Annual Report and Statement of Accounts were adopted. Particular thanks were recorded to Messrs. Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co., for their services as Honorary Auditors during the past financial year, and they were asked to serve again for 1952-53.

PUBLICATIONS

1. Home Research Department

Research Series

153. *Arbitration*, by H. A. Turner. 1s.
154. *The British Purchase Tax*, by C. W. McMahon. 1s.
155. *Consumers' Councils*, by Mary Stewart. 9d.
156. *Enterprise in Local Government*, by Peggy Crane. 2s.
157. *Value for Money?* (The Case for a Consumers' Advice Service), by J. F. Northcott. 9d.
158. *British Airlines*, by Clive Jenkins. 1s.
159. *Whitleyism: a Study of Joint Consultation in the Civil Service*, by James Callaghan. M.P. 2s.
160. *Workers and Management: the German Co-determination Experiment*, by T. E. M. McKitterick and R. D. V. Roberts. 1s. 3d.

Revisions

- Tract 62. *Parish and District Councils*, by Michael Pease. 9d.
 100. *Metropolitan Borough Councils*, by James MacColl, M.P. 9d.

Journals, etc.

- Fabian Journal*. Nos. 8 and 9. 1s. 3d. No. 10. 1s. 6d.
Fabian News—11 issues.

2. Colonial Bureau

Colonial Controversy Series

9. *East African Future*, by a Group. 1s. 6d.
10. *Malayan Perspective*, by Derrick Sington. 1s. 6d.

Journal

- Venture* (11 issues). 6d.

3. International Bureau

Tract

292. *The German Problem*, by Rt. Hon. Kenneth Younger, M.P. 1s.

Journal

- International Review* (2 issues). 6d.

BOOKSHOP

The Fabian Bookshop, together with the rest of the trade, continued to suffer from the steady increase in the price of books and the consequent general decline in sales. A greater fall in custom was only prevented by securing many overseas customers with a prompt mail order service and the persistent and selective use of book lists.

There were no outstanding best-sellers during the year despite the publication of a number of books by prominent members of the Labour movement. Fabian sales continued to be rather disappointing.

As a matter of policy, from the beginning of 1953 the Bookshop ceased to stock books other than on economics, sociology, philosophy, politics and colonial and international affairs, with the exception of Penguins, cheap editions and one or two minor lines. The result has been that it is gradually establishing a reputation at home and abroad as a specialists' bookshop where serious and standard works on these subjects can always be obtained.

There was some improvement in book display and in general administrative arrangements.

The Bookshop staff was further reduced during the year, but the efficiency of its service to members was not impaired. It should be emphasised that the success of the Bookshop still very largely depends on the support of the Society's membership, and that many Fabians have not yet acquired the habit of making full use of it.

VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE

The Society has once again to record its gratitude to members who have given regular voluntary service during the year. Mrs. Greener has continued to help with jobs of all kinds; and Mr. A. E. Holman and Mr. C. Cannell have carried on with their invaluable assistance to the Research Department and Colonial Bureau respectively. Mrs. Hennion, Mr. A. Moyse and Mrs. J. Wigham again deserve our thanks for help with the monthly despatch to members.

SUMMER SCHOOLS, 1952

Four weeks of summer schools were held.

The first school, at Hope, Derbyshire, was arranged particularly for members living in the North of England, under the title 'Prospect for Socialism.' Mary and Michael Stewart were joint directors, and the other lecturers were John Edwards, M.P., Dr. Rita Hinden, H. V. Wiseman, and Kenneth Younger, M.P. The secretary was W. T. Rodgers.

The second, at Beatrice Webb House, considered aspects of the Commonwealth relationship and its importance in world affairs. Ian Mikardo, M.P., was director and Roy Jenkins, M.P., Lord Listowel, P. C. Gordon Walker, M.P., and Dorothy Woodman were the other lecturers. The secretary was Phyllis Smith.

The third was the seminar school taking *New Fabian Essays* as its starting point. It was held, as in the previous year, at Broadstairs. Geoffrey de Freitas, M.P., the director, was aided by Wilfred Fienburgh, M.P., and Fred Willey, M.P., as the other seminar leaders. Visiting lecturers were Ritchie Calder, C. A. R. Crosland, M.P., George Darling, M.P., and Norman MacKenzie. The secretary was W. T. Rodgers.

New Fabian Essays was also the subject for the final school, at Frensham Heights, where John and Zena Parker were respectively director and secretary. Visiting lecturers were A. J. Champion, M.P., Carl Czernitz, Hugh Dalton, M.P., George Darling, M.P., Douglas Houghton, M.P., Michael Joseph, and K. Zilliacus.

There were 225 full-time students at summer schools (80 per cent. of them members of the Society) and a number of week-end visitors. Children were accommodated at the 'family week' at Beatrice Webb House.

WEEK-END SCHOOLS

The International Bureau was responsible for the programme of a week-end school held at Beatrice Webb House in November under the title 'The Challenge of Communism.' Over 80 students attended and heard lectures on the character and strategy of world communism by R. H. S. Crossman, M.P., Walter Kolarz, Denis Healey, M.P., and Hugh Seton-Watson. T. E. M. McKitterick was director.

T. E. M. McKitterick was also director of a second and complementary International Bureau week-end—in June—at Wilton Park, Steyning. Forty-five students attended. Lecturers, on Soviet affairs, were Isaac Deutscher, W. A. Ryser and Rudolf Schlesinger.

The New Year school, 'Prospect for Britain,' at Southdean near Bognor, was devoted to an examination of Britain's external economic problems. H. D. Hughes was director and other lecturers were Donald Chapman, M.P., Douglas Jay, M.P., and Dudley Seers. There were 40 students.

The Easter school at Beatrice Webb House was attended by over 80 students and was the largest Easter school since 1948. James Callaghan, M.P., was director, and the other lecturers were C. A. R. Crosland, M.P., Hugh Dalton, M.P., James Griffiths, M.P., Lord Hungarton and Michael Young. The school discussed a wide range of questions on Labour Party policy.

AUTUMN LECTURES

There were six connected lectures in the autumn series held at Livingstone Hall on consecutive Tuesdays commencing 28th October. Under the title 'Britain and the World,' lecturers were Harold Wilson, M.P. ('Britain and the World Economy'), Noel Annan ('Britain and World Security'), Ritchie Calder ('Britain and the Asian Revolution'), Thomas Balogh ('Britain and the United States'), Douglas Jay, M.P. ('Britain's Economic Survival'), and Hugh Gaitskell, M.P. (a summary lecture). Average attendance at the lectures was 200.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held in the House of Commons on Saturday, 29th November, when James Griffiths, M.P., was the Guest of Honour. The President of the Society, G. D. H. Cole, was also present. 140 members attended.

OTHER EVENTS

Buffet lunch meetings continued regularly at the House of Commons with an average attendance of 40 members. Speakers were C. A. R. Crosland, M.P., Kingsley Martin, Donald Chapman, M.P., Eirene White, M.P., Jennie Lee, M.P., Ritchie Calder, Mont Follick, M.P., and Anthony Greenwood, M.P.

The tea-party reception at the Labour Party Conference at Morecambe was addressed by Hugh Dalton, M.P. 150 delegates and friends were present.

A series of members' discussion meetings on *New Fabian Essays* was held at the House of Commons in the autumn. Individual authors spoke at each of the meetings, at which there was an average attendance of 35.

A conference, 'Socialism and the Press,' was held at Caxton Hall on the last Saturday in January in conjunction with the Society of Socialist Journalists and Writers. Ian Mikardo, M.P., was in the Chair, and the conference was addressed by Harvey Cole, Michael Curtis and Sir Lynn Ungood-Thomas, M.P. There was an audience of 70.

HOME RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

H. D. HUGHES continued as Chairman of the Home Research Committee and Donald Chapman (General Secretary) retained responsibility for the department's work.

NEW FABIAN ESSAYS

A major element of the year's work was the preparation of a new volume of *New Fabian Essays*. Several private conferences were held and, as the year closed, Hugh Gaitskell has begun final editing of a series of essays on Britain's economic future. The book is expected to go to press in late 1953. Main contributors will be: Hugh Gaitskell, T. Balogh, N. Kaldor, Arthur Lewis, Douglas Jay, G. D. N. Worswick and Richard Kahn. The chapters will express the views of the individual authors, but each one will have been discussed by the group of contributors and with other economists, politicians, etc., who have shared in the exhaustive discussions.

Sales of the first volume of *New Fabian Essays* continued, as mentioned in the Introduction to this Report. Editions have also been published in America, Sweden, Italy, and are being negotiated in Germany, Japan and China. The book continues to be in demand.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

With Labour in opposition, work naturally continued to be mainly a re-examination of many of the problems thrown up by the work and experience of the 1945-51 Labour Government. As mentioned in last year's Report, a series of groups prepared reports covering four major fields, and these were sent to the Labour Party for discussion by the various sub-committees which were preparing Labour's draft electoral statement. The report on Social Services was followed by reports on Housing Policy, on Education and on Nationalisation; and the group set up to discuss financial and budgetary policy merged its discussions and identity with the group preparing the second volume of *New Fabian Essays*. It was agreed that none of the work should be published, but we have received the thanks of the Labour Party National Executive and know that the group findings were valued by the sub-committees and have had their impact on *Challenge to Britain*.

We are again glad to thank the Labour Party for the small grant which facilitated this work. The report of the Hon. Treasurer pays tribute to the financial assistance afforded by Trade Unions and other bodies which has enabled the department's work to go ahead during the year.

The research programme has been conditioned as usual by the availability or otherwise of suitably experienced workers. The main fields of interest have been problems of industrial organisation and the social services, but a number of miscellaneous projects have also developed.

The following publications dealing with industrial problems have appeared during the year: *Arbitration*, by H. A. Turner; *Whitleyism*, by James Callaghan; *Workers and Management*, by T. E. M. McKitterick and R. D. V. Roberts, describing the German experiences of Mitbestimmungsrecht for purposes of comparative study. *British Airlines*, by Clive Jenkins, con-

tinued a series of reviews of problems of nationalised industry; as did *Consumers' Councils*, by Mary Stewart, which was based on a useful research project organised by the Local Societies Committee. A useful symposium of ideas on the development of industrial democracy has been collected from a representative group of trade unionists and industrial relations experts and should shortly lead to a further publication. Denis Bell is completing a study on Trade Union problems; and work has been started on the complex sociological, psychological and economic problems involved in a comprehensive study of industrial incentives. The first draft of a study on Monopoly has been completed by R. H. Evely; and work is continuing on the problems of transport.

The work by the Social Services group mentioned above led the Research Committee to decide that work should be started on a major review of social services policy. A pamphlet by Brian Abel-Smith, *Reform of Social Security*, was sent to press at the end of the year, and work has been commenced on the extent of the future fiscal and economic burden of the social services, with a view to establishing realistic priorities. Douglas Houghton has also begun a study on the fiscal and social problems of retirement, and James MacColl is working on a pamphlet on housing policy.

Other studies published during the year were: *The British Purchase Tax*, by C. W. McMahon, a pamphlet about the experience, limitations and possible future uses of this fiscal weapon; *Enterprise in Local Government*, by Peggy Crane, a report on the extent to which local authorities use the many permissive powers which are available to them; *Value for Money*, the case for a consumers' advice service, by J. F. Northcott. Revised editions of two local government pamphlets—*Parish and District Councils*, by Michael Pease, and *Metropolitan Borough Councils*, by James MacColl—were published.

Work has also continued on the following projects: Mark Abrams' book about sociological problems in modern society; a report on the possible reform of Cabinet and Parliamentary functions, which is being finally written up by Michael Stewart; a study on the lessons of the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act, and the breach in it made by new Conservative legislation; and an investigation by Julius Gould into the structure and composition of a specially selected sample of Labour Parties throughout the country.

A report by H. D. Walston on future agricultural policy was prepared at the instance of the department and is now likely to be published as a book. The first draft of a book on *Democratic Entry to the Professions* has been virtually completed.

A number of other projects have been started and are in various preliminary stages.

Fabian Journal has again been a considerable success during the year. Issue No. 8 was specially prepared as background to some of the discussions at the 1952 Labour Party Conference. It contained articles by Michael Stewart, Walter Hyman, and Geoffrey Bing on such controversial topics as "Labour and the Monarchy," "A Three-year Plan for Education," and "Opposition Tactics." Issues 9 and 10 were widely reviewed because they took as a basis of discussion a Newsletter by G. D. H. Cole on the sacrifices, hard thought and strict planning which are needed if Britain is to take the high road to international solvency. The theme was taken up and developed in various fields such as (in issue No. 9) balance of payments, engineering, the social services, and education, in articles by C. A. R. Crosland, Austen Albu, James

MacColl and H. D. Hughes; and (in issue No. 10) land nationalisation, by Michael Foot and George Brown, "austerity and progress" by T. Balogh, housing by Arthur Blenkinsop, and education costs by John Vaizey.

Fabian News continues as a news-sheet, but in May, 1953, was expanded to four pages so that more details could be given of the activities of the various departments of the Society.

Finally, we are both happy and sad to report that the book *Shaw and Society*, edited by C. E. M. Joad, has gone to press. Satisfaction at its completion and at the high standard of the articles and selections in it has been tempered by the news that C. E. M. Joad struggled to complete the book in the last few hours of his life. It will be published in the autumn of 1953, with contributions by C. E. M. Joad himself, Kingsley Martin, Leonard Woolf, S. K. Ratcliffe, Hugh Dalton and Benn W. Levy.

ROUTINE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

This continues to include answering of queries and enquiries and the supervision of the Library and the Society's records, and handling of publications.

FABIAN COLONIAL BUREAU

THE COLONIAL BUREAU has had a very heavy year. At the beginning it was already deeply involved in the problem of Central African Federation, and this issue continued to require attention until July, 1953. In the first months of the year, discontent in Kenya broke out into open violence, and emphasised what was already known to be the urgent necessity for reconsideration of the whole approach to African problems. In January, 1953, the first blows were dealt at the structure of the Nigerian constitution and, as the year closed, arrangements were being made for a conference of Nigerian politicians in London. Meanwhile, the war in Malaya continued, while in the West Indies the prospects of federation were again discussed. These examples are sufficient to indicate that the work of the Bureau is no longer confined to the examination of general principles of policy—the implementation and application of policies in specific territories is now of first importance, and this requires a knowledge of detail on such a scale that to build it up is a formidable task. Members of the Advisory Committee and of the staff have therefore to carry a heavy load despite the considerable help given to them by others.

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Two pamphlets were published in the course of the year, both in the Controversy Series. *East African Future* was not a conventional Fabian pamphlet. Written by a group of Oxford undergraduates—European and African—all of whom came from or had had immediate contact with East Africa, it represented an attempt to produce an agreed statement on the problems of East Africa, and remains, as far as we know, the only one devised by an inter-racial group. The Bureau is most grateful to the authors and to Miss Margery Perham who wrote a Foreword. *Malayan Perspective* was written by Derrick Sington, formerly correspondent of the *Manchester Guardian* in South-east Asia, and outlined a practical policy for Malaya, taking account of the changes in the territory since 1949.

Eleven issues of *Venture* were published. A series of articles on *Socialism and the Colonies*, occasioned by R. H. S. Crossman's contribution to *New Fabian Essays*, was started in July, 1952, and in March, 1953, a series on *Nationalisation in the Cameroons* initiated a discussion of the work of the nationalised Cameroons Development Corporation. Throughout the year Molly Mortimer maintained her column on Trusteeship. A special number on East and Central Africa was published in September, 1952.

A sub-committee of the Advisory Committee was appointed to prepare evidence for the Royal Commission on East Africa, and by the end of the year had almost completed its work.

POLITICAL ACTION

Efforts in this field were concentrated on Central African Federation. Letters on this subject were published in *The Times* on 8th August, 1952, and 8th June, 1953, and on 12th March a deputation was received by the Minister of State for the Colonies. Work with Members of Parliament was unceasing up to the final debate. Contact was maintained with the Bureau's correspondents in Central Africa, and all assistance within the Bureau's power was given to the delegations of chiefs and other leaders who came from

Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia in January. On 29th November, 1952, a letter on the emergency in Kenya was published in *The Times*, and thereafter work on Kenya was confined to the preparation of material for Members of Parliament.

Members of Parliament have given an immense amount of help to the Bureau in tabling questions on an almost infinite variety of subjects.

MEETINGS

On 28th September the Bureau held its first meeting for delegates to the Labour Party Conference, under the title *The Challenge of Africa*. Eirene White, M.P., took the Chair, and the speakers were James Griffiths, M.P., John Dugdale, M.P., Sir Richard Acland, M.P., and James Johnson, M.P. In October the Bureau's officers met Sayed Sir Abdel Rahman el Mahdi and other leaders of the Umma Party in the Sudan. On 4th February the Bureau's Advisory Committee, jointly with the Commonwealth Group of the Parliamentary Labour Party, held a tea party in the House of Commons for the Nyasaland Chiefs' delegation. On 25th March the Advisory Committee met Mr. Michael Blundell, Leader of the European Elected Members in the Kenya Legislative Council. On 23rd April, Labour members of the delegations to the conference on Caribbean federation were entertained by the Advisory Committee. On 4th June, Lord Faringdon, on behalf of the Bureau, entertained visitors who came for the Coronation. Members and friends of the Bureau from overseas called at the office in constant succession throughout the year, particularly during the summer.

ORGANISATION AND MEMBERSHIP

W. P. Watkins joined the Advisory Committee in February, 1953. In January, 1953, a founder member of the Bureau, Sir Drummond Shiels, died. An appreciation of his work was published in the February number of *Venture*.

The Bureau continues to receive requests for information and speakers, which it does its best to meet. Work on co-operation in the Colonies has been continued, and contact has been maintained with the responsible officers of the Labour Party and the T.U.C.

In addition to the 60s. members of the Society, the Bureau had on 30th June, 1953, 284 members, an increase of four since the 30th June, 1952.

There were changes in the staff during the year. In February, Dorothy Davies resigned. From 1st January Hilda Selwyn-Clarke went on to part-time work, a regrettable measure of economy which has not been matched by a decrease in work. In June Beryl Cross was awarded the Mary Macarthur scholarship for study at Ruskin College.

Assistance given to the Bureau by Members of Parliament is mentioned above. Other valuable helpers were members who contributed articles and reviews for *Venture*, undertook the reading of pamphlets and gave expert advice. Mr. Charles Cannell continued to give two days' voluntary work in the office every week, thus removing from the full-time staff the whole burden of cutting and filing of colonial newspapers. The Bureau owes him special thanks for this invaluable assistance. The Bureau must again record its thanks to the Noel Buxton Trust and to a private donor for their most generous financial help. It must be added, however, that financially the struggle for existence is continuous, and the help of members is again urgently requested.

FABIAN INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

THE year was one of continued rebuilding within the limits fixed by the Bureau's restricted resources. There were no major organisational changes and the Bureau's work continued under the Society's Assistant Secretary. At the mid-year T. E. M. McKitterick succeeded Leonard Woolf as Chairman. The latter's long service to the Bureau and the Society in the field of international affairs is mentioned elsewhere.

MEETINGS

Details of the two successful week-end schools, the Challenge of Communism and Soviet Affairs, organised by the Bureau, appear on page 6. It is sufficient to mention here that these seem to have met a real need felt by members of the Bureau for the serious study of aspects of East-West relations and provided an opportunity for discussion offered by no other organisation.

A conference on Socialist Policy and Middle Eastern Oil was held at Kingsway Hall on 14th March. It was addressed by Mrs. Barbara Castle, M.P., and Jon Kimche. There was an audience of 60.

A number of small private meetings for members and their friends were held at the House of Commons. In view particularly of the general apathy towards political meetings during the year, these were well attended and some useful discussions took place. Derrick Sington spoke on Malaya (a meeting held in conjunction with the Colonial Bureau); Jovan Djordjevic on constitutional problems in Yugoslavia; Joseph Alsop on the United States Presidential Election; R. H. S. Crossman on Egypt, the Canal Zone and the Sudan and the Italian General Election (two meetings); Saul Rose on the Rangoon Socialist Conference; and Solly Sachs on Malanism and South Africa (in conjunction with the U.D.C. and the Parliamentary Labour Party).

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

The most striking feature of the year was the appearance of *Fabian International Review*, the first regular publication on international affairs which the Society has had for over seven years. Both the first (January) issue and the second (in May) achieved a substantial circulation. Contributors included Norman Bentwich, Desmond Donnelly, M.P., Maurice Edelman, M.P., Geoffrey de Freitas, M.P., James Joll, T. E. M. McKitterick, James Millar, Saul Rose, Hugh Seton-Watson, Derrick Sington and H. J. Timperley. The editor is Kenneth Younger, M.P.

Kenneth Younger was also the author of *The German Problem*, published during the year, an analysis of the post-war history of Germany and the prospects for re-unification and an East-West settlement.

By the end of the year covered by this report, work was going forward on a number of projects out of which pamphlets may eventually emerge. A pamphlet on policy for the sterling area was in draft. A project for a back-

ground pamphlet on United States foreign policy was well advanced and one on Soviet policy was in its initial stages. Material had been gathered together for an analysis of the way in which British foreign policy is formulated. An author had been found for a pamphlet on Britain's relations with the Middle East, while another had shown his willingness to begin work on Soviet economic policy. Other projects were in their early stages. The overall picture was of more work on hand than for several years.

The Bureau was able to welcome a number of overseas visitors during the year. It continued the slow task of re-establishing contacts with socialists abroad and of finding socialists in this country with expert knowledge of international affairs to help in its activities.

LOCAL SOCIETIES

MEMBERSHIP AND STATISTICS

During the year the number of Local Societies in existence remained fairly steady, although there was a slight drop in total membership.

Comparative figures for the last three years are as follows:—

1st April, 1950—31st March, 1951	3,536 members	(101 Societies).*
1st April, 1951—31st March, 1952	3,808	„ (107 „).*
1st April, 1952—31st March, 1953	3,646	„ (108 „).*

* Denotes Societies that have paid affiliation fees.

At 30th June 1953, there were 115 Societies.

Affiliation fees paid by 108 Societies amounted to £176 4s. 0d. and 12 Societies gave donations or paid double affiliation fees amounting to £32 4s. 0d. Although the expenses of the department—and especially salaries—are cut to the bone, the cost of servicing Local Societies is still a drain on the National Society's resources. Donations from Local Societies are therefore most welcome.

Eleven new Societies were formed during the year and six ceased to hold meetings and were deleted from our lists. We are particularly pleased to report an increase in activity and enthusiasm in the Hampshire-Dorset area and in the North and North-western Regions where some difficulties have been experienced in the past.

A list of addresses of Local Society and Regional Secretaries is given in Appendix "B" to this report.

CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

The One-Day School or conference is becoming increasingly an integral part of the activities of Local Societies. Particularly outside London these usually attract an audience widely representative of the socialist movement in the area and are marked by the high level of discussion. In the Home Counties the Garden Party meeting has recently become popular, and several Societies in Surrey and Kent held successful meetings of this kind.

The department arranged two meetings during the year. At the Labour Party Conference at Morecambe, Austen Albu, M.P., spoke on *New Fabian Essays* to Local Society members, and in November the usual Local Society meeting prior to the National Society's A.G.M. was attended by 40 people representing nearly as many Societies.

DISCUSSION GUIDES

Small Societies, particularly those in more isolated parts of the country, often experience difficulty in finding speakers and filling their programmes. To assist these and other Societies Eirene White, M.P., drew up a discussion guide on *New Fabian Essays*. This proved popular and helpful, and many Societies based part of their Autumn and Spring programmes on it, Birmingham, Southampton and Coventry in particular covering each essay with great thoroughness.

A short questionnaire based on the pamphlet *Enterprise in Local Government* encouraged several societies to consider both the local and wider aspects of local government in their areas.

To help Societies in the 1953-54 session a paper and questionnaire by Douglas Houghton, M.P., on problems raised by the review of the National

Insurance Scheme next year has been circulated, and plans are in hand to supply a questionnaire on *Challenge to Britain*.

RESEARCH

Apart from the normal servicing of societies the main work of the Department during the year was the encouragement of Local Societies to undertake research projects.

In 1952 Societies were asked to investigate the effect of Tory cuts in education. This was a difficult enquiry, but 14 Societies returned comprehensive reports and a summary of their findings, compiled by Mary Stewart and Betty Vernon, was circulated to secretaries.

In January, 1953, the Society published a pamphlet on Consumer Councils, by Mary Stewart, which was based on the investigations of Societies covering eight of the twelve Gas and ten out of the fourteen Electricity Areas. This pamphlet was well reviewed, and the Area and Regional Boards concerned were amongst those who bought copies. It also formed the basis of a B.B.C. "Taking Stock" programme in which Mary Stewart took part.

At the beginning of 1953 Societies received a paper designed to elicit information on the efficiency of present schemes for the vocational guidance of school-leavers, and we hope that the replies received will form the basis of a pamphlet.

To encourage Societies that could take, but had not yet taken an active part in research schemes the department sent out questionnaires relating to various aspects of local government. These queried the provisions made by local authorities for handicapped children and adults and old people in their areas, and were designed primarily to initiate local investigation and discussion rather than form the basis of reports. Several Societies considered these matters fairly fully and sent in completed questionnaires.

At the special request of Sowerby Society a questionnaire on the Effect on Children of Mothers at Work was drawn up, and a limited number of questionnaires on the activities of Parish Councils was sent to Societies in rural areas.

An analysis of Societies that have undertaken investigations in the last five years shows that nearly half have contributed information on one enquiry or another. Apart from those initiated by the department several Societies, notably Cheltenham, Manchester and Oxford, have undertaken important local enquiries on their own.

CONCLUSION

Most Societies to-day prefer to plan their programmes ahead, and the work of the department includes help with speakers and keeping as close a personal contact as possible with secretaries of all Societies. We are greatly helped in this by the Regional and Area Secretaries, most of whom manage to attend one or two of the L.S.C. meetings during the year.

We should like to thank Peter Meyer, who has resigned, for business reasons, as secretary of London Region, for his past services in this capacity.

On the research side it is felt that the best contribution that Local Societies can make is to limit their studies to issues on which material is available locally, and the year showed a widening interest in this kind of work. It is also true, however, that certain of the bigger and old-established societies now have a nucleus of experienced people anxious to undertake more ambitious research. It is worth noting that several of these have already been encouraged to co-operate in the National Society's work.

OBITUARY

THE past year has left several gaps in the ranks. The best-known Fabian who died was of course CYRIL JOAD, author, lecturer and broadcaster, populariser of philosophy and Socialism, and a Fabian from his youth. Latterly he played little part in the Society: but he edited the book on *Shaw and Society*, which is mentioned elsewhere in this Report.

SIR DRUMMOND SHIELDS, M.P. from 1924-31, Under-Secretary to Sidney Webb at the Colonial Office, and later Public Relations Officer to the G.P.O., was a firm friend of the Colonial Bureau. MARY HANKINSON ('Hanky'), for thirty years Manageress of the Fabian Summer School, has already received her tribute in *Fabian News* of June. VAL MCENTEE, M.P. for Walthamstow until he went to the Lords and handed over his seat to Attlee, Chairman for many years of the Kitchen Committee of the House of Commons, was a member of long standing. HARRISON BARROW, the Quaker who described himself simply as "Tea Merchant," will be deeply regretted by all Birmingham Fabians. Londoners will remember T. C. P. CATCHPOLE, long Assistant Warden at Toynbee Hall, the REV. HENRY CECIL, late Vicar of Shoreditch, who in his younger days was a pillar of the Industrial Christian Fellowship as well as the Fabian Society; and will deeply regret the untimely death of that brilliant economist A. B. O. RADOMYSLER.

Of those well known to earlier generations we may mention MRS. ESTHER WOOD, journalist and art critic, and member of the S.D.F. and the Fabian Society, whose husband was one of the most fervent followers of Blatchford and the *Clarion*. MRS. MELIE PAULINE STANBURY, an early Suffragist (and according to Edward Pease, an American by origin), J. R. BATTLE of the London County Council, MISS E. R. GWATKIN, the distinguished headmistress of Streatham Hill School, and another journalist, MRS. E. M. GREEN of Colchester. J. T. BAXTER of Nottingham joined the Society in 1906, BERRY DAVIDSON of Glasgow the same year, and F. H. KILLICK in 1905.

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REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER

"The only sound guarantee of our survival lies in subscriptions." I cannot do better than set out the figures which supply the background to this extract from the introduction to this year's Annual Report.

<i>Year ending June 30.</i>	<i>Subscriptions.</i>	<i>Donations.</i>
1950	£5,330	£4,202
1951	5,333	5,398
1952	5,313	5,054
1953	4,687	4,745

This last year has shown a marked reduction in subscriptions which for the previous three years had remained fairly constant. The figure for donations has continued its downward trend since the peak figure of £5,398 was reached two years ago. These falls have taken place notwithstanding continuing and persistent efforts both to increase membership and to enlist further support from Trade Unions and other bodies which provide the bulk of our donations. It would be unrealistic to believe that our donations could be increased to any material extent. The inevitable conclusion is that we must either increase our membership or reduce our activities, for no further economies are open to us which would enable us to carry on the same activities at a reduced cost.

Nor is it open to us to live on capital for the time being until "something turns up." Our capital of £3,500 (the Bernard Shaw and Edwards Funds) has been wholly used up, as is shown by the accumulated deficit amounting to £3,606: we have to rely on a bank overdraft to finance the Bookshop and our day-to-day activities. It is a matter for some satisfaction that the net deficit over the last three years has not been more than £33; but here, again, the figures for each separate year sound a clear warning:—

Year ending June 30th, 1951.	Surplus	£52
Year ending June 30th, 1952	Deficit	£14
Year ending June 30th, 1953.	Deficit	£71

No member of the Fabian Society doubts the need for its continued existence. Every member supports the proposition that we should increase our membership. But the responsibility for giving effect to such a general proposition is one which does not fit neatly on to the shoulders of each one of us. Might I, therefore, appeal to each member personally to make it his own individual responsibility to enlist one new member by the end of 1953? It is a simple proposal, capable of being achieved without undue difficulty or embarrassment and the only one which holds out any real hope of enabling us to carry on all our work.

The Report of the Executive brings out clearly the numerous activities which have been carried on throughout the year, and it is true to say that the value of our work has been as great as ever before. The cost of it has remained fairly constant, and a breakdown of that cost shows that the figures for this past year are the same as those of the previous year, namely:—

Bookshop	approximately	...	£1,000
Schools, Conferences, etc.	..	...	1,500
Home Research Department	3,000
Colonial Bureau	3,500
International Bureau	1,000
			£10,000

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BALANCE SHEET AS

							LIABILITIES			£ s. d.			£ s. d.			
1952																
£	Sundry Funds:—															
2500	Bernard Shaw Gift Fund	2500	0	0						
1000	Edwards Bequest Fund	...	...	...	...	...	...	1000	0	0						
12	Scholarship Fund	12	9	0						
12	Women's Group Fund	11	10	10						
85	L.S.C. Development Fund	134	16	11				3658 16 9		
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Sundry Creditors:—																
652	Trade	699	5	2						
262	Sundries	102	12	7						
180	Accrued Expenses	200	14	2						
500	Reserve for Research Grants	650	0	0				1652 11 11		
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1593																
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702	Amounts received on Account of Functions in Progress	437	6	6						
	Royalties	100	0	0						
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3397	Bank Overdraft				3327			2 4		
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£9,302													£9175 17 6			
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We have examined the accounts of the Fabian Society for the year ended 30th June, have required. We certify that the Balance Sheet above set forth is properly drawn up so as our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Society's books.

3rd September, 1953.

Arundel House,
Arundel Street, Strand, W.C.2.

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE

EXPENDITURE							£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
1952													
	Administration Expenses:—												
5947	Salaries and Allowances	...	...	...	...	...	6031	15	2			
179	State Insurance	...	...	...	...	...	164	10	8			
390	Pensions	...	...	...	...	...	240	0	0			
125	Travel and Entertainment	...	...	...	...	...	126	7	2			
338	General Office Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	413	5	4			
293	Special Research Grants and Subscriptions Payable	...	...	...	...	...	250	17	11			
768	General Stationery	...	...	...	...	...	674	1	1			
108	Telephone	...	...	...	...	...	136	0	6			
717	Postage	.....	...	...	...	...	605	3	8			
										8642	1	6	
8865													
	Establishment Charges:—												
222	Rent, Rates, Light, Heat, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	186	7	0			
221	Maintenance and Repairs	...	...	...	...	...	226	17	10			
										413	4	10	
443													
1630	Publications: Free Issues	...	..	...	...	...				1399	4	0
	Other Expenses:—												
132	Interest on Overdraft	...	...	...	...	...	141	8	7			
100	Affiliation Fees	...	...	...	...	...	101	1	6			
99	Special Contingency Reserve	...	..	...	...	...	—	
										242	10		
331													
£11270											£10697	0	5

AT 30th JUNE, 1953

ASSETS								£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1952	£	Fixed Assets:—											
2500		Freehold Property ...	...	...	...	...	...	2500	0	0			
35		Investments ...	...	...	...	...	...	35	0	0			
310		Furniture ...	...	...	...	...	...	332	10	6			
85		Library ...	...	...	...	...	...	85	0	0			
											2952	10	6
2930													
		Current Assets:—											
		Stocks—											
1528		Bookshop ...	...	...	...	...	...	1272	8	4			
187		Stationery ...	...	...	...	...	...	147	7	11			
											1419	16	3
1715													
		Sundry Debtors:—											
17		Trade ...	...	...	...	...	...	
501		Bookshop ...	...	...	...	...	...	425	3	2			
498		Sundries ...	...	...	...	...	...	562	6	11			
89		Payments in Advance ...	...	...	...	...	...	187	13	8			
											1175	3	9
1104													
18		Cash in Hand ...	...	...	...	...	...				22	16	3
		Revenue Account:—											
		Balance at Debit at 1st July, 1952 ...	...	...	...	...	...	3534	17	7			
3535		Add: Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ...	...	...	...	...	...	70	13	2			
											3605	10	9
£9,302											£9175	17	6

1953, with the books and vouchers. We have obtained all the information and explanations we to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Society's affairs according to the best of

PEGG, ROBERTSON, ANTROBUS & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

YEAR ENDING 30th JUNE, 1953

INCOME								£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1952		Subscriptions ...	...	...	...	...	...				4686	14	5
5313		Donations:—											
3140		General and Special ...	...	...	...	...	...	2962	7	5			
1850		D.S.T. ...	...	...	...	...	...	1750	0	0			
65		L.S.C. ...	...	...	...	...	...	32	19	11			
											4745	7	4
5054													
127		Royalties Received ...	...	...	...	...	...	504	6	7			
19		Advertising ...	...	...	...	...	...	39	19	7			
530		Bookshop ...	...	...	...	...	...	435	12	11			
212		Functions ...	...	...	...	...	...	214	6	5			
											1194	5	6
889													
14		Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ...	...	...	...	...	...				70	13	2

£11270

£10697 0 5

This total covers the year's cost of running all the Society's activities apart from organising and assisting local Societies. The figures are deliberately round, and it would be misleading to suggest that they are capable of being computed with complete accuracy.

Once again it is true to say that our work could not possibly have been carried on without the generous assistance received from the Labour Party, and from the Trade Union movement, including in particular the T. & G.W.U., the N.U.M. (through its districts), the N.U.G.M.W., U.S.D.A.W., the A.E.U., the Shipbuilding Draughtsmen, the U.P.W., N.U.P.B. & P.W., the Boot and Shoe Operatives, the Vehicle Builders, the T.S.S.A., the Boilermakers, the Building Trades Operatives, N.U.P.E., the Agricultural Workers, the Fire Brigades Union, Musicians Union, the Amalgamated Weavers, the Sheet Metal Workers, and from a few Co-operative Societies. Each one of these must know that without their continued help some of our work must come to an end.

Messrs. Pegg, Robertson, Antrobus & Co. continue to act as Hon. Auditors and to give us freely all the assistance we require. Our debt of gratitude grows each year.

I should like also to express my personal gratitude to every member of our staff for another year's hard work and co-operative effort.

JOHN DIAMOND.

APPENDIX A**MEMBERS OF MAIN COMMITTEES**

(as at June 30th, 1953)

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* Resigned during year.

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APPENDIX B

**HONORARY SECRETARIES OF REGIONAL AND AREA COMMITTEES
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